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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 573  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the YWCA of  
Nashville and Middle Tennessee on its century  
of service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the members of this General Assembly should  
recognize those exemplary institutions that are celebrating milestones in their venerable history;  
and

WHEREAS, the YWCA of Nashville and Middle Tennessee is one such outstanding  
institution, which will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, at the turn of the century, recession and industrialization prompted many  
women to go to Nashville to find work; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the local chapter of the Young Women's Christian Association  
provided these young women with a public toilet, a safe place to eat and a place to spend the  
night; and

WHEREAS, throughout the century, the YWCA has made significant strides in providing  
support to women in Middle Tennessee, from offering classes on calligraphy to job training for  
women trying to support their families; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, the YWCA integrated with its African-American counterpart, the  
Blue Triangle Branch; and

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WHEREAS, in 1974, the YWCA began providing emergency shelter for battered women and their children and established a 24-hour crisis help line to assist women who were in need of help; and

WHEREAS, recently, the YWCA has introduced several new programs, including Try Angle House, a program for abused and neglected teenage girls and NewStart, a program that offers training for inmates at the Tennessee Prison for Women; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to one of Tennessee's finest organizations, the YWCA of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, as it celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate the YWCA of Nashville and Middle Tennessee for 100 years of exemplary service to the women of Middle Tennessee, and wish them much success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.